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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING THE TRANSFORMING GROWTH FACTOR- $\beta$  BY  
ADSORPTION (As Amended)

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 31, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2002, and further to the amendment filed on February 20, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

A request for continued examination (RCE) and a petition for a second month extension of the response period and the requisite fee therefor are submitted concurrently herewith.